

The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,

Superintendent's Office,

Mr. Abel Cohen,
93 E. 7th Street,
St. Paul, Minn.:

September 24, 1894

Sir,

The Deposit from ^{you} A. Cohen was ordered re-
-melted by the Assayer the first melting not being
homogeneous a correct assay could not be reported.
The meltie was ordered to use a refining flux
in the second melting. The average fineness after
the first melting ^{was} has been reported by letter to the
^{you} Inspector also the actual Assay as reported after
the second melting. The slight difference reported
in our letter of the 17th inst. shows that the removal of
base from precious metals is done at the mint with-
-out a loss to the ^{you} Inspector. Mr. Cohen makes the
positive statement that the mint never uses a refining
flux in melting. ^{you are evidently uninformed the} he is ignorant of our system of
melting, as the Government pays only for the Gold
or Silver contained in the Deposit. ^{The Mint.} It might take

^{you} ^d
 This deposit and extract all of the base metal
 and report ^{you} again $4^{\frac{56}{100}}$ ozs after melting, a further
 loss of $3^{\frac{53}{100}}$ ozs, That being the actual weight of
 precious metal contained in the deposit and all
 the ^d deposit is paid for. ^P ^{you} ^{are unaware of} ^{from} ^{how} ^{much}
 lost \$50. in this one transaction, ~~It is doubtful~~ what the ^{you} ^{value}
^{you} paid for this gold but that ^{you} ^{is} ^{an} ^{over} ^{estimate} the
 value of it, there is no doubt. ^{where} ^{you} ^{ask}
 for a settlement of the Balance, as the only
 loss to him is the base metal thrown off, and
 that has no value, it is superfluous to say
 that ^{you} ^{the} ^{John} ^{has} ^{been} ^{fully} ^{paid}. Herewith
 please find papers enclosed by you.

For Eugene Towneend
 Superintendent

Very Respectfully
 Your Obedient
 John F. Jones
 Wagon Clerk

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The Mint of the United States at Philadelphia,
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September 24, 1894

Mr. Abe Cohen
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St. Paul, Minn.

Sir.

The Deposit from you was value remelted by the Assayer. The First melting not being homogenous a correct assay could not be reported, the melter was ordered to use a refining flux in the second melting. The average fineness after the first melting was reported by letter to you – also the actual Assay as reported after the second melting. The slight difference reported in our letter of the 17 inst. Yours that the removal of base from precious metals is done at the mint without a loss to the depositor.

You make the positive statement that the Mint never uses a refining flux in melting. You are evidently uninformed the system of melting, as the Government pays only for the gold or silver contained in the deposit. The Mint might take any deposit and extract all of the base metal and report you 4.56 ozs after melting, a further loss of 3.53 ozs, that being the actual weight of precious metal contained in the deposit and all the depositor is paid for.

You claim to have lost \$50, in this one transaction. We are unaware of what you paid for your gold but that you overestimated the value of it. This is no doubt. While you ask for a settlement of the balance, the only loss to him is the base metal thrown off, and that has no value, it is superfluous to say that you have not been fully paid. Herewith please find papers enclosed by you.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. servant,
John Z. Jones
Weigh Clerk

Hon Eugen Townsend
Superintendent